



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA FEBRUARY 1982

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.25). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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# PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k Wh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—																
January	6,249	8,341		22.5	7,834	8,540	27,897	34,876	728	668	312	456	12.8	37.5	119	294
February	8,751	8,420	22,798	23.8	7,521	8,477	27,424	33,618	634	675	447	450	32.2	31.9	296	316
March	9,328	8,512		23.1	8,284	8,554	32,684	36,178	691	678	523	498	32.4	29.8	317	309
April	8,022	8,777		32.5	7,999	8,366	32,045	34,290	678	702	538	542	29.4	31.6	285	320
May	9,494	8,760	21,286	35.8	8,940	8,633	37,459	35,165	675	660	576	548	36.3	32.8	292	333
June	8,995	8,440		35.8	9,381	8,630	41,362	35,689	596	623	459	454	36.5	34.1	283	293
1981-82—																
July	9,089	8,898		30.9	10,078	8,610	43,558	34,330	712	719	463	429	37.5	33.4	347	318
August	8,754	8,160	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,831	42,398	35,577	736	732	570	552	37.0	36.2	344	318
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,295	33,827	31,041	544	552	478	469	35.9	31.9	363	273
October	10,223	8,537		37.4	8,564	8,642	34,962	35,201	567	548	623	595	30.6	28.8	386	339
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,614	9,199	33,347	36,585	510	533	518	488	40.6	37.0	311	265
December	5,765	7,534		32.0	8,018	8,568	32,295	37,433	564	555	499	522	37.0	39.6	290	267
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,927	8,586	30,585	38,069	631	586	351	518	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	164	395
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,937	9,044	30,455	37,359	497	527	471	473	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	286	311

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

## PRODUCTION—continued

## STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
January	1,447	3,374	516	1,025	4,334	168	179	305.9	491	417	35,069	81.9		
February	3,703	3,835	957	841	11,463	171	174	309.1	377	417	35,358	78.1	28,673	28,721
March	3,830	3,981	895	770	12,767	168	156	310.8	335	425	43,698	77.6		
April	3,939	4,497	818	875	11,145	205	221	312.5	264	427	32,248	77.4		
May	3,713	3,496	596	681	12,973	202	198	313.3	213	431	30,505	81.2	29,616	29,636
June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	178	183	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1		
1981-82—														
July	4,403	3,500	737	688	13,381	191	187	317.5	261	393	36,102	79.2		
August	4,252	3,959	736	806	12,277	168	173	319.8	413	420	67,982	82.3	30,541	30,490
September	3,986	3,446	893	804	12,071	190	171	321.2	569	426	105,627	83.4		
October	4,857	3,997	883	766	11,172	205	182	322.6	691	443	106,676	82.2		
November	3,483	3,392	990	844	11,705	169	168	324.0	668	433	86,230	77.8	31,129	31,108
December	3,079	3,620	744	736	9,516	184	191	325.0	616	433	55,778	78.9		
January	1,551	3,561	412	821	n.y.a.	79	195	327.6	494	423	13,662	78.9		
February	3,497	3,693	695	616	n.y.a.	193	218	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629 0.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1980-81—								
January	1,672	1,406			186	264	558	5,586
February	1,574	1,613	2,676	2,251	186	413	366	5,172
March	1,479	1,595			185	736	778	5,153
April	1,661	1,705			186	481	1,035	5,762
May	1,739	1,624	2,626	2,498	186	411	605	5,858
June	1,648	1,746			188	566	677	5,709
1981-82—								
July	1,494	1,922			186	901	508	4,996
August	r1,689	r1,794	2,588	2,764	186	536	268	4,696
September	r1,498	1,846			186	741	259	4,495
October	1,554	r2,006			185	936	763	4,527
November	r1,506	1,813	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	185	670	499	4,156
December	r1,423	r1,624			p184	544	724	4,360
January	r1,561	1,750			p185	r 689	r282	3,912
February	1,685	1,931			n.y.a.	634	674	3,942

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month

## INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m		
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000			Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—													
January	2,644	2,796							31.8	37.8	9.3	11.4	3,101
February	2,492	2,820	4,044	4,164	2,440	2,832	1,357	1,466	35.8	38.8	10.8	11.6	3,118
March	2,705	2,856							38.7	36.2	12.4	12.1	3,137
April	2,728	2,824							37.2	37.6	11.7	11.9	3,150
May	2,936	2,871	4,130	4,230	2,890	2,876	1,396	1,497	39.6	39.0	11.9	11.5	3,175
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8	13.5	11.8	3,208
1981-82—													
July	2,880	2,922							45.1	39.5	14.2	11.9	3,251
August	2,852	2,990	4,272	4,366	2,892	2,997	1,472	1,545	39.7	38.4	12.0	12.4	3,278
September	2,937	3,041							37.9	37.6	12.5	12.5	3,314
October	3,080	3,034							35.4	35.6	11.5	11.6	3,361
November	3,077	3,049	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	37.5	39.0	11.3	11.8	3,411
December	4,248	3,139							41.0	40.0	12.5	13.1	3,454
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8	10.2	13.0	n.y.a.
February	p2,741	p3,134							p33.8	p36.5	p11.7	p12.6	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: October \$170m; November \$166; December \$177.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, Six State capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1980-81—													
January			686.7			317.8							
February	270.30	n.a.	686.9	1.44	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	144.5
March			687.1			316.8							
April			687.2			317.7							
May	280.00	n.a.	711.9	1.49	324.7	320.6	326.6	358.5	379.5	341.8	329.0	368.4	146.5
June			712.0			326.1							
1981-82—													
July			713.3			327.2							
August	p286.60	p194.70	715.6	1.46	331.6	334.5	329.2	367.7	286.2	341.6	339.6	372.3	150.7
September			718.9			337.3							
October	p303.20	p197.00	721.5			336.8							
November			729.9	1.57	345.4	337.0	338.0	378.7	296.4	357.1	345.6	463.6	156.5
December			749.6			340.4							
January			752.6			341.1							
February			n.y.a.	1.48		341.2							

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base: December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base: September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals (dwellings '000 units)		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in other house building(c)	New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81--															
January	625.2	792.9	10.4	13.7	95.8					343.0	112.9				
February	714.1	806.7	11.6	13.0	94.9	2,806.5	2,632.2	34.9	35.3	348.1	114.2	841.2	1,012.7	2,043.5	2,333.4
March	875.6	831.5	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				
April	828.2	852.8	13.3	13.4	99.5					352.9	115.8				
May	933.8	893.0	13.2	12.9	134.1	2,835.2	2,472.9	36.9	35.6	355.1	116.7	1,066.4	1,024.6	2,782.0	2,578.7
June	970.0	853.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82--															
July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0				
August	873.7	915.7	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,212.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6				
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	60.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	3,023.1	2,887.4
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	209.5					372.1	122.8				
January	717.3	953.2	9.4	12.1	132.0					p376.3	p125.0				
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2					p383.1	p127.6				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0.

# FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c)	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	\$m		Deposits		Advances			Permanent building societies		Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	\$m						
								\$m						
1980-81—														
January	22,705	22,595	25,292	24,645	18,606	18,736	21,643	320	197	99	13.10		2,841	3,216
February	22,959	22,785	25,564	24,686	18,595	18,965	21,912	359	181	119	13.12	796.5	3,056	3,056
March	22,833	22,889	26,147	25,119	18,802	19,113	22,263	374	189	139	13.10		3,252	3,539
April	22,552	22,910	26,219	25,536	19,457	19,417	22,513	375	158	129	13.15		4,767	3,377
May	22,819	23,110	25,803	26,348	19,851	19,673	23,265	342	134	131	13.10	1,019.1	4,664	3,308
June	23,218	23,193	25,935	26,791	19,714	19,828	23,629	339	129	133	13.10		3,646	3,546
1981-82—														
July	23,257	23,270	25,977	26,986	(g)20,188	(g)20,133	24,034	373	157	122	13.60		2,693	3,421
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,097	20,136	24,356	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459	3,473
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,504	20,482	24,687	357	156	112	14.60		2,625	4,194
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,927	20,625	25,004	309	154	107	14.60		2,706	3,295
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	27,673	20,881	20,681	25,394	308	174	110	14.50	801.8	3,743	3,578
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,154	20,937	25,770	316	165	102	14.50		2,781	3,369
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,242	21,390	25,786	305	147	87	14.65		n.y.a.	n.y.a.
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	28,452	27,488	21,160	21,572	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.95		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loan for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate funds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)**

Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1979-80— June	28,502	29,967	997	1,856	27,505	28,111	18,113	18,213	5,113	4,944	4,628	4,394	2,618	2,219
1980-81— September	30,756	31,003	1,537	1,868	29,219	29,135	18,659	18,804	5,055	5,135	5,041	5,103	2,150	2,357
December	35,727	32,371	3,207	1,863	32,520	30,508	20,452	19,341	5,768	5,566	5,380	5,105	2,521	2,440
March	31,116	32,959	1,328	1,558	29,788	31,401	19,001	19,907	5,308	5,609	4,913	5,450	2,174	2,482
June	32,520	33,945	898	1,693	31,622	32,252	20,240	20,361	5,924	5,726	5,975	5,665	2,941	2,503
1981-82— September	34,820	35,112	1,399	1,978	33,421	33,134	20,944	21,086	5,956	6,054	5,945	6,031	2,528	2,767
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1979-80— June	16,424	17,635	412	1,135	16,012	16,500	10,352	10,410	3,051	2,933	2,613	2,485	1,488	1,266
1980-81— September	17,560	17,746	739	1,046	16,821	16,700	10,450	10,531	2,919	2,975	2,769	2,799	1,178	1,289
December	20,155	17,944	1,952	993	18,203	16,951	11,277	10,651	3,161	3,056	2,899	2,751	1,355	1,312
March	16,938	17,967	835	952	16,103	17,015	10,212	10,711	2,948	3,120	2,587	2,872	1,137	1,293
June	17,085	18,140	490	1,039	16,595	17,101	10,696	10,761	3,128	3,006	3,072	2,914	1,507	1,287
1981-82— September	18,100	18,412	711	1,240	17,389	17,172	10,821	10,898	3,061	3,121	3,000	3,041	1,271	1,389
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1979-80— June	5,409	5,497	5,581	5,528	3,557	3,719	5,233	6,493	16,009	16,183	333	8,378	6,274	18,446
1980-81— September	6,047	6,022	5,363	5,533	3,602	3,586	6,390	6,506	16,962	16,975	843	7,605	3,539	21,872
December	6,111	6,083	5,718	5,502	4,754	4,123	8,470	6,637	18,472	17,470	2,386	9,204	4,068	25,994
March	6,179	6,129	5,404	5,497	3,611	4,087	6,000	6,548	17,320	18,241	572	7,541	5,047	20,386
June	6,503	6,628	5,787	5,742	3,907	4,100	5,508	6,730	18,669	18,833	156	9,369	7,403	20,791
1981-82— September	7,004	6,983	5,515	5,698	4,291	4,270	6,905	7,230	19,363	19,197	621	8,543	4,499	24,028

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**JOB  
VACANCIES  
( ' 000 )**

**CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ( ' 000 )**

**UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ( ' 000 )**

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original		Original		Original		Males		Females	Males		Females	
	Seas. adj.(b)		Seas. adj.(b)		Seas. adj.(b)					Persons			
<b>1980-81—</b>													
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4	33.5
February	4,271.4	4,234.2	2,473.4	2,465.3	6,744.8	6,700.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9	
April	4,256.2	n.a.	2,509.2	n.a.	6,765.4	n.a.	171.7	134.8	69.5	187.9	188.1	376.0	
May	4,257.1	4,246.9	2,493.6	2,491.4	6,752.7	6,739.3	175.5	132.1	67.8	192.9	182.6	375.5	
June	4,244.3	n.a.	2,484.9	n.a.	6,729.2	n.a.	169.2	120.5	60.6	181.5	168.7	350.2	35.7
<b>1981-82—</b>													
July	4,262.5	n.a.	2,501.3	n.a.	6,763.8	n.a.	182.1	132.8	59.9	196.8	178.0	374.8	34.7
August	4,245.0	4,264.9	2,488.4	2,504.0	6,733.4	6,770.0	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	
September	4,297.5	n.a.	2,559.7	n.a.	6,857.2	n.a.	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1	
October	4,249.4	n.a.	2,527.4	n.a.	6,776.9	n.a.	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	170.6	370.4	
November	4,243.5	4,271.9	2,527.9	2,524.5	6,771.4	6,793.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	
December	4,334.4	n.a.	2,571.6	n.a.	6,905.9	n.a.	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	213.7	433.3	36.7
January	4,299.6	n.a.	2,461.4	n.a.	6,761.0	n.a.	221.0	156.0	162.6	238.6	201.0	439.6	
February	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		p234.8	p169.7	p78.1	p250.0	p232.5	p482.6	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
( ' 000 )**

Month	Civilian employees										Defence Forces(b)		Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total			Persons	Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons		
<b>1980—</b>													
October	276.4	122.8	581.8	415.8	7.5	6.6	102.9	26.8	968.6	572.1	1,540.6	72.1	1,612.7
November	276.4	123.3	581.5	415.9	7.6	6.6	102.9	27.3	968.3	573.1	1,541.4	72.1	1,613.5
December	277.9	124.5	580.7	412.5	7.5	6.6	103.4	27.5	969.5	571.1	1,540.6	71.7	1,612.3
<b>1981—</b>													
January	278.2	124.3	580.2	401.0	7.6	6.5	103.8	26.6	969.6	558.5	1,528.1	72.3	1,600.4
February	278.3	124.9	581.8	414.5	7.5	6.5	103.2	27.6	970.8	573.6	1,544.3	72.4	1,616.7
March	278.3	125.6	582.7	418.9	7.6	6.6	103.7	27.8	972.3	578.8	1,551.1	72.5	1,623.6
April	278.3	125.6	583.3	420.8	7.7	6.6	103.1	27.7	972.5	580.7	1,553.1	72.5	1,625.6
May	277.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	7.7	6.6	103.0	27.7	971.6	579.0	1,550.5	72.4	1,622.9
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	418.2	7.7	6.6	102.5	27.7	970.0	577.6	1,547.5	72.5	1,620.0
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.2	72.5	1,620.7
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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